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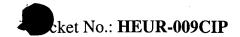
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the patent application for an invention entitled, "CORRECTION OF OVERLAY OFFSET BETWEEN INSPECTION LAYERS", filed on behalf of HPL Technologies, Inc., Small Entity, assignee from inventors David Muradian, John Caywood, Brian Duffy and Julie Segal, including 37 pages of specification, 9 pages of claims, 14 sheets of drawing figures, and 1 page of Abstract. This application is a Continuation-in-part which claims the benefit of priority to patent Application No. 09/747,497, filed December 22, 2000, and patent Application No. 60/233,343, filed September 18, 2000. Also enclosed is a Request for Non-publication Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213.

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